

The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – August 2020

Still Meeting in Outdoor Location

Note from the Co-Presidents:

Greetings Guild Members,

We hope you all enjoying your summer as much as possible amid the social distancing and the face mask wearing.

Just a note to inform all of you that we will once again meet at Bicentennial Park located at the intersection of John Beers Rd. and Scottdale Rd. in Royalton Township. I had never been there prior to our July meeting, but I found it to be a great space both in and out of the building with plenty of room to social distance and restrooms are available. Feel free to bring your own chair and it is **MUST** for **EVERYONE** to wear a **MASK!!** Not only is it currently the law, but out of concern and respect for our fellow members. We may never know what health crisis someone is dealing with.

We will meet August 13 and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. We will do the BD Club bags, Show and Tell and further discuss what to do with the remainder of the year IE: Golden Thimble, Workshop, Retreat, and the end of the year Banquet. If you are unable to attend and you would like your BD Club bag, please ask a friend to pick it up for you.

We **THANK YOU** all for your patience and understanding. As we have previously stated - There are no policies and/or procedures as to how to conduct quilt business during a pandemic.

Looking forward to seeing all of you, till then stay safe.

Bring your lawn chair
MUST wear a mask at ALL times
Bring your hand sanitizer

Your Co-Presidents
Kathy and Barb

Quote of the month: " Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier" by Dorothea Brande

August BTCQ Meeting

Thursday, August 13

7 p.m.

At Bicentennial Park

Corner of John Beers and
Scottdale Roads

St. Joseph

Birthday Club

Even though this has been a challenging year for our guild, we want to continue celebrating our members' birthdays. If you have a birthday from January through August and are a member of the Birthday Club, we want to celebrate during our August 13 gathering at the Royalton Township Bicentennial Park pavilion.

Please remember to wear your mask, use hand sanitizer as needed, bring a chair, and celebrate our friendships and your birthdays.

Barb Manning and Kathy Martus

Remaining 2020 BTCQ Meetings

What will happen to the remaining meetings of the BTCQ in 2020? We examine this question every month as we attempt to balance the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the safety of our members.

Barb Manning is the contact person with the Stevensville United Methodist Church regarding our usual meeting room. I speak with the church representative each month regarding the ability for our guild to use their facilities. They have been very cooperative and gracious working with me. With each month we have been unable to meet at the church, the rental has been credited for rental in 2021. As of this writing, we are credited through August, 2021.

As far as the remaining 2020 meeting dates, please direct any questions regarding our meeting location to Barb Manning @ president@btcquiltguild.org.

Please do not contact the Stevensville United Methodist church staff directly. We have received comments regarding some of our guild members contacting the staff at the church regarding returning to use the church hall. We know

this is a difficult time. The unknown is always difficult. We will inform you with any updates for our meetings as we know them. At this time, unfortunately, decisions have to be made month by month.

Our August 13 meeting will be held at the Bicentennial Park Pavilion of Royalton Township just as the July meeting. Again, please continue the pandemic precautions with masks and the use of hand sanitizer as needed. We will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Barb Manning

Programs

Hello everyone. How has the quilting been going? Have you been quilting along with the finishing list? If so, then August has you working on the quilt listed on line 4.

As you finish your quilts, write about it. Or follow the journal prompts for August that are attached at the end of the newsletter.

If we are able to meet again, bring a project that you are stuck on. We will share and get some ideas to get you unstuck.

It's time to go sew!

As Always,

Michelle and Nicole, Program co-chairs

Note: see attached for August journal prompts.

August Birthdays

Linda Woods	2
Marcia McCavit	3
Carol Range	6
Terri Lane	11
Janet Bednar	14
Ruth Crum	17
Jody Albee	21
Kathy Martus	23
Susn Stephens	31

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters
Board Meeting
July 9, 2020

Called to order at 5:35 pm at Royalton Township Bicentennial Park

Attendees: Maxine Wantuch, Kathy Martus, Jane Rush, Cathy Benke, Sara Lawrick, Cindy Shepherd, Annette Wright, Marcia McCavit, Jody Albee, Kathy Phipps, Peri Hansen, Nancy Hawley, Elaine Bokhart, Denise Tackett, Michelle Tuller

Old Business

Revisions to Board Meeting minutes from 1/29/2020

1. Item 2, 2020 Budget
 - i. The entire 2020 budget was approved, not just the specific topics mentioned
 - ii. Future speakers fund should read: The previous years fundraising basket monies will be added to the following year future speaker allocation.
2. Item 3, Quilt show update
 - i. Acquisition of a Square credit card reader was discussed. It was determined that additional investigation is required before the decision can be voted upon. Co-treasurer will investigate. (previously read, Treasurer)
3. Item 6, Pine Ridge, Logan House, and Emergency Shelter Services are the designated recipients for 2020 community quilts.

Cindy Shepherd moved to approve corrections.

Elaine Bokhart second

Motion passed

New Business

1. Workshops
No report. Kathy Martus will follow up with Chris Andrews
2. Retreats
Peri Hansen reports the fall retreat scheduled for November 13-15, 2020, at the Courtyard in Benton Harbor, is still on the hotel docket. We will be able to cancel up to two weeks prior. Capacity of 40 people. Price yet to be determined.

When members sign up, the checks will be held rather than cashed immediately. In the event of retreat cancellation by the Berrien Towne & Country Quilters, refunds will be more efficiently processed using uncashed checks.

3. Community Quilts
Nancy Hawley reports that none of the designated agencies are accepting quilt donations at this time. Pine Ridge might take some around the Christmas holiday. Nancy is storing the quilts.
4. Golden Thimble
Kathy Phipps queried the group about determining a 2020 Golden Thimble recipient. Due to the pandemic, it was decided to place the Golden Thimble on hold until the 2021 meeting year.
5. Quilt Show 2020
Due to the pandemic, the 2020 quilt show was cancelled. Maxine Wantuch volunteered to continue to represent our group at the Three Oaks Flag day meetings. Contact Kathy Phipps if you made a mini quilt for the fundraiser and would like it returned.
The co-treasurer was asked to research a Square card reader for use at the show. Lisa Hansen was unable to attend the board meeting due to scheduling conflict, but Peri Hansen reports the information has been gathered.
6. Church meeting location
The church is not holding in person services for its members, and is not allowing groups to meet on site. BTCQ Executive board members remain in contact with the appropriate contacts at the church. The church continues to allow us to apply our rent paid for the 2020 year to carryover to next year.
It was reported by Sara Lawrick that several individuals have contacted the church directly, including the pastor, to inquire as to status of the meeting venue. Please refrain from doing so, your board and designated individuals remain in communication with the appropriate representatives. If you have questions, please contact one of the co-presidents, do not contact the church.
7. November banquet meal/end of year meeting
Viability of holding a banquet was discussed. It was suggested we revisit the topic in August.
8. Sewing Day
Elaine Bokhart reports that due to the meeting limitations cause by the pandemic, there are no current plans for a sewing day.
9. Programs
Maxine Wantuch reports the following:
When in person meetings resume, there will be a table setup near the library for people to use as a resource for UFQ questions. Members who will staff the table include Maxine Wantuch, Cindy Shepherd, Kim Otte, Marilyn Herman, and Nicole Rimes.
10. Newsletter

Due to the pandemic, the newsletter has only been sent electronically for several months. Some members do not have email or have issues opening the documents. Estimated annual cost to print and mail newsletter to approximately 32 members is \$400. The majority of those in attendance felt this is a valid expense. Members Cindy Shepherd, Nancy Hawley, and Jane Rush offered to help with the logistics of picking up printing from Spectrum Health Lakeland Graphics at Meadowbrook and mailing the forms.

11. Dues Carryover

Jane Rush presented the idea of applying individual 2020 dues to the 2021 year.

Motion made by Nancy Hawley: Due to the pandemic, members who have paid their 2020 dues by July 31, 2020, will have the fees applied to the 2021 membership. There will be no membership refunds for the 2020 year.

Michelle Tuller second
Motion passed.

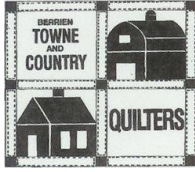
Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jane Rush

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters				June 30, 2020
Treasurer's Report				
			Beginning Bank Balance	<u>10,409.61</u>
Income:				
na	na	- na	\$ -	
			Total Monthly Income	\$ -
Expenses:				
na	na	- na	\$ -	
			Total Monthly Expenses	\$ -
			Ending Balance	<u>\$ 10,409.61</u>

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